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20 April 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, CIA
Management Committee

SUBJECT : Interagency Information Science
Training Program

REFERENCES : (a) Memorandum dated 10 November 1972
to DDS from DTR (DD/S 72-4237)

(b) Letter dated 29 December 1972 to
Director, DIA, from ADCI

1. On 6 April 1973 the Board of Visitors, at their request, received a briefing by the Office of Training (OTR) on both the internal and external aspects of the Information Science Training Program conducted by OTR.

2. As described in reference (a), OTR was instructed by the Executive Director-Comptroller to assume interim responsibility for the management of the training program of the former Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) sponsored Information Science Center (ISC) following notification from DIA that drastic Department of Defense budgetary cuts and reductions in other resources would force DIA to discontinue the ISC training mission effective June 1972.

3. Using existing Defense Intelligence School facilities on a restrictive schedule, and with a small instructor staff from CIA and the National Security Agency (NSA), augmented by a few guest instructors from DIA, an experimental CIA managed program was conducted in Fiscal Year 1973 offering three basic courses for interagency student participation. The staff also provided segments of training in a variety of other internal programs of CIA, DIA and NSA. In contrast to experience of the ISC all courses conducted this fiscal year have been heavily oversubscribed, in some cases

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on a ratio of 10 applicants to each accepted student, and projections of student requirements both inside CIA and elsewhere in the Intelligence Community indicate continued high interest in this training through Fiscal Year 1974 and beyond.

4. In accord with the approved OTR recommendations contained in reference (a), the Acting Director of Central Intelligence sent a letter, reference (b), to the Director, DIA, on 29 December 1972 proposing that DIA detail two full-time instructors and one secretary/typist to the training staff and provide increased access to DIS facilities to permit an expanded schedule of courses in Fiscal Year 1974 commensurate with demonstrated requirements for this training. As of this date, and despite repeated oral inquiries from CIA, there has been no official response from DIA to these proposals.

5. It is clear to the Board of Visitors that program planning, including important space, personnel and financial commitments, for this important activity for Fiscal Year 1974 has been affected adversely by DIA's protracted delay in stating its position on this question. If there is to be an Information Science Training Program of substance and meaningful proportions in Fiscal Year 1974 a decision should be made now on a desired course of action. In the absence of a response from DIA the practical options available to OTR for the coming fiscal year appear to be as follows:

a. Continue present level of interagency effort using DIS facilities. This assumes that DIA will agree to continued residence on their premises.

b. Withdraw CIA resources from the interagency program and devote them exclusively to the internal requirements of CIA. This would require additional funding for Fiscal Year 1974 for facilities and equipment.

c. Increase CIA resource commitments, including personnel, space and equipment, on a near unilateral basis to enable OTR to meet the needs of the Intelligence Community.

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6. It is the opinion of the Board of Visitors that the Information Science Training Program is an essential training activity; that the present level of effort with present resources fails to meet the requirements of either CIA or the balance of the Intelligence Community; that an enlarged investment by CIA is unwarranted in the absence of any commitment by DIA to the future of this program. While we favor the interagency approach to training in this subject area we believe that this program is too important to force it because of DIA's indecision to operate in the same ad hoc manner that necessarily characterized the experimental Fiscal Year 1973 period. We must either "smoke out" DIA or get started on a useful program of our own. The Board of Visitors reluctantly recommends that OTR be directed to devote its assets to a CIA internal Information Science Training Program in Fiscal Year 1974. This recommendation is made with the understanding that the program will require additional funding to enable it to move onto CIA premises. OTR should prepare resources and schedule proposals for short-term operation and for a long-term, permanent program.



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Attachment

Memorandum for Executive Director-Comptroller
dated 16 Nov 72, Subject: Information Science Training
from Deputy Director for Support

cc: ✓ DD/M&S
ADD/M&S
Director of Training
Director of Personnel
DC/SB Division
DC/DDI Planning Staff
DD/OSI

*Also cc'd to JCS
see DD/M&S sub file
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